

Refer Chief, Plans and Policy Staff memorandum dated 25 March 1949 relative to Petroleum Intelligence.

- A. This Task Force considered the mission of CIA relative to Petroleum Intelligence to be: To correlate and evaluate petroleum intelligence relative to the formulation of national policy and to the national security, and to provide for the appropriate dissemination of such intelligence within the government using where appropriate existing agencies and facilities.
- B. It was determined that the functions of the consultants in the Economic Group, O.R.E. to be as follows:
1. Provide expert consultant services within their specialized functional field to the other producing components of O.R.E. and collaborate with them in the fulfillment of their prescribed responsibilities.
  2. Review as required, intelligence produced by other O.R.E. components and make recommendations regarding the adequacy of treatment of those sections which have a bearing on their specialized subject matter fields.

3. Prepare timely current and staff intelligence reports and estimates on specific subjects, which in a given functional field are inter-regional or technically specialized in character.

4. Participate in the formulation of the National Intelligence Objectives.

5. Evaluate pertinent intelligence information and intelligence; assess its adequacy, accuracy, and timeliness, and prepare reports of such assessments for the guidance of collection, source, exploitation and producing agencies, to insure that all significant fields of intelligence bearing on the national security are adequately covered.

6. Formulate requirements for the collection and exploitation of intelligence data necessary for the fulfillment of production requirements.

C. This task force, in order to aid in the clarification of CIA's petroleum intelligence problem, submitted the questions, appended marked "A", to [REDACTED] (Fuel and Power Specialist) for answer.

This task force further visited the Regional Branches, ORE. that <sup>had</sup> an interest in the petroleum intelligence problem. It was determined that:

1. B/EE - Has established a petroleum division within their branch. This division is divided into two sections, one for the satellite nations, and one for the U.S.S.R.. Although the petroleum intelligence produced is restricted to this regional area it is as complete as the intelligence information available allows. This petroleum division apparently has little need for the consultant service of the Fuel and Power Specialist in that they have experienced personnel. They are now in the process of producing a petroleum study of the U.S.S.R. entitled "The Petroleum Position of the U.S.S.R." This study is scheduled to be completed on 16 May 1949.

2. B/FE - This Branch is not prepared to go into any of the technical details of petroleum intelligence, therefore it has to rely on the Fuel and Power Specialist for consultant services. This Branch's primary interest <sup>in petroleum</sup> is in the political and economic implications <sup>arising</sup> therefrom.

3. B/NEA and B/LA have about the same interest as the B/FE

C. A spot check using the Government Organization Manual and visiting the Bureau of Mines, Interior Department (Mr. Feiss) indicated that [REDACTED] 25X1X7 answers to our questions are essentially correct but not altogether complete.

D. The following facts were established:

1. Refer paragraph B-1. This function could be better carried out if expert technical consultant service were available in the Fuel and Power Specialist Office of the Economic Group.

2. Refer paragraph B-2. The media established for carrying out this function is adequate.

3. Refer paragraph B-3. This function could be better carried out if expert technical consultant service were available in the Fuel and Power Specialist Office of the Economic Group. The non-technical reports and estimates

required for national intelligence have not been sufficiently forthcoming.

4. Refer paragraph B-4. The media for carrying out this function is adequate.

5. Refer paragraph B-5. The media for carrying out this function satisfactorily is not adequate. However, sufficient effort to produce the reports required have not been made. The committee was presented with only one report dated 1947.

6. Refer paragraph B-6. The media for carrying out this function is adequate but it is doubtful if it is being reasonably exploited.

E. It is our opinion that all the petroleum intelligence information required to produce national petroleum intelligence is available in the various agencies of the government in the Washington Area. However, we feel that the petroleum intelligence information available is not adequately correlated. It, therefore,

follows that such information available is not being properly evaluated by CIA from a national viewpoint. The media established for appropriate dissemination of national petroleum intelligence is adequate.

F. It is our conclusion that the mission of CIA relative to national petroleum intelligence is not being adequately fulfilled, that the functions (a) the Fuel and Power Specialist are not being adequately carried out due to (1) lack of sufficiently trained personnel (2) mis-direction of effort on the part of the present Fuel and Power Specialist.

G. It is recommended that the Fuel and Power Specialist be directed to review the functions assigned his position and concentrate his activities on those which are now being inadequately carried out. It is further recommended that a technical expert and such clerical assistance be assigned his office as to enable him to carry out his assigned functions and to fulfill CIA mission.

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